

REMARKS

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement, and requested that Applicants elect one of two identified groups of claims for prosecution in connection with the present application.

The groups of claims are as follows:

- I. Claims 1-6 and 8-13, drawn to a technical feature of a drug that comprises a hollow nanoparticle containing a particle-forming protein.
- II. Claims 7 and 14-18, drawn to a technical feature of a method of treating a disease through administration of the drug as set forth in Group I.

Additionally, the Examiner has imposed an election of species requirement within Group II as follows:

- A. Species of Claim 1: One drug on which the method of claim 1 reads.
- B. Species of Claim 14: One drug on which the method of claim 14 reads.
- C. Species of Claim 15: One drug on which the method of claim 15 reads.
- D. Species of Claim 16: One drug on which the method of claim 16 reads.
- E. Species of Claim 17: One drug on which the method of claim 17 reads.
- F. Species of Claim 18: One drug on which the method of claim 18 reads.

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-6 and 8-13, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application for the non-elected claims during the pendency of this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that this application be examined on the merits at the earliest possible time.

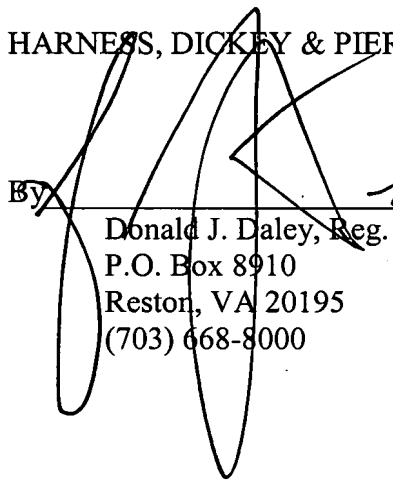
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Andrew D. Kasnevich, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2548 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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